

1. A device for conditioning subjects to perform specific tasks comprising: a signal circuit for producing a signal; and timer means connected to the signal circuit for setting a normal time interval and activating the signal circuit at the end of the time interval, the timer means including means for automatically initiating a selected number of additional shorter time intervals at the end of the normal time interval.

2. The device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising: an accomplishment switch operable with the timer means to interrupt and reset the timer means to the normal time interval upon actuation.

3. The device as claimed in claim 2 further comprising: visual means to display timer intervals and real time.

4. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the produced signal is audible.

5. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the produced signal is visual.

7. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the timer means further includes means to produce an alert signal to indicate that a normal time interval signal will be activated at a future time.

9. The device as claimed in claim 8 further comprising: pause means for deactivating and reactivating the signal circuit, and the accomplishment switch.

10. The device as claimed in claim 5 further comprising: graphic means selectively displayed on the visual means, and pause means for deactivating and reactivating the signal circuit, and the accomplishment switch.

11. A device for conditioning subjects comprising: a housing; a signal circuit for producing a signal carried by

the housing; timer means connected to the signal circuit for setting a normal time interval and activating the signal circuit at the end of the time interval, the timer means including means for automatically initiating additional shorter time intervals at the end of the normal time interval and having programming controls positioned on the housing; an accomplishment switch accessibly positioned on the housing and operable with the timer means to interrupt and reset the timer to the normal time interval when activated; visual means operably connected with the housing to display timer intervals; and a clock operably associated with the timer means to show the time remaining before the next signal activation on the visual means.

12. The device as claimed in claim 11 further comprising: a speaker proximate the housing to produce an audible signal and wherein the produced signal is audible.

13. The device as claimed in claim 12 further comprising: a microphone supported by the housing to receive audible signals and introduce the received signals to the speaker.

14. The device as claimed in claim 13 wherein the housing is an elliptical shell with a central opening, the visual means is a graphics display positioned within the opening, and further comprising: a hanger for supporting the housing; and a clip secured to the housing for maintaining the device against independent movement.

15. The device as claimed in claim 14 further comprising: a vibrator carried by the housing operable to receive a produced signal.

16. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein a number of normal time intervals is set by comparing the first and subsequent manual operations of the accomplishment switch correlated to a 24 hour period and establishing the new normal time intervals ending at the times of peak probability of signal activation.

17. The device claimed in claim 15 wherein a number of normal time intervals is set by comparing the first and subsequent manual operations of the accomplishment switch correlated to a 24 hour period and establishing the new normal time intervals ending at the times of peak probability of signal activation.

19. The device as claimed in claim 2 further comprising: reward means selectively operable by the accomplishment switch to provide physical incentives to the subject upon successful task completion.

21. The device as claimed in claim 18 wherein the rewards means is a selectively openable container holding candy or other treats.

22. The device as claimed in claim 20 wherein the rewards means is a selectively openable container holding candy or other treats.